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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TOURE DISCUSSES MORLEY/MC WALTERS

REF: STATE 209516, CONAKRY 1649 AND 1670

1. AT OUR REQUEST, AMBASSADOR SADAN MOUSSA TOURE CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROSS OCTOBER 26 FOR DISCUSSION MC WALTERS/MORLEY CONFUSION. ROSS MADE DEMARCHE ALONG LINES OUTLINED BY AMBASSADOR TODMAN IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MIN AND PRIME MIN IN REFTELS. EMPHASIZING MCWALTERS A VALUED EMPLOYEE WITH LEGITIMATE ABOVE BOARD BUSINESS IN GUINEA, ROSS ASSERTED WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE LINKING HER WITH ALLEGED PATRICIA MORLEY. WE CONSIDER INCORRECT GOG ACCUSATION A VERY SERIOUS MATTER, AND HOPE GUINEANS WILL MAKE FURTHER INVESTIGATION SO THAT CHARGES CAN BE WITHDRAWN. ROSS AGAIN ASSURED AMBASSADOR US ALWAYS RESPECTS GUINEA'S SOVEREIGN INTEGRITY AND HAS NO INTENTION INTERFERING IN COUNTRY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. AMBASSADOR TOURE SAID HE APPRECIATED OPPORTUNITY FURTHER DISCUSSION MORLEY/ MC WALTERS MATTER. HE DECLARED EMBASSY HAD THOROUGHLY SEARCHED ITS RECORDS AND FOUND NO
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EVIDENCE VISA EVER GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO A PATRICIA

MORLEY. VERIFICATION THIS FACT WILL BE SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN CONAKRY, WITH AMBASSADOR'S ASSESSMENT THAT FROM HIS VANTAGE HE SEES NO CONNECTION MORLEY WITH MC WALTERS. WHY WOULD USG ATTEMPT SEND AGENT UNDER FALSE DOCUMENTATION TO GUINEA WHEN IT COULD EASILY AND OPENLY

OBTAIN VISAS FOR ITS EMPLOYEES FROM GUINEA EMBASSY HERE?, AMBASSADOR ASKED RHETORICALLY.

3. ACKNOWLEDGING GOG HAD PERHAPS RESPONDED TOO HASTILY IN THIS CASE, AMBASSADOR SAID ATMOSPHERE NOW TENSE IN CONAKRY, BECAUSE OF GENUINE EXTERNAL THREAT. LEGITIMATE DEFENSE COMES BEFORE ALL, EVEN IF METHODS USED ARE UN-POPULAR. NOTING ABIDJAN "CENTER OF SUBVERSION AGAINST GUINEA", AMBASSADOR SAID GOG CANNOT BE TOO CAREFUL IN ASSESSING THREATS.

4. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD DISTURB GOOD US-GUINEA RELATIONS, AMBASSADOR OBSERVED, ADDING THAT GOG AWARE EXISTENCE FORGERERS IN AFRICA. HE RECALLED ISMAEL TOURE'S CONVERSATION WITH NEWSOM IN OCTOBER 1972, AND DR. CROWN'S PRESENTATION IN CONAKRY BUT DID NOT OFFER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT ON CONCLUSIONS. AMBASSADOR SAID SOMETIMES FRIEND IS HURT WHEN ONE GOES AFTER ENEMIES, EVEN THOUGH THIS NOT GUINEA'S INTENTION IN PRESENT CASE.

5. AMBASSADOR UNDERTOOK TO REPORT OUR DEMARCHE TO CONAKRY PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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